

## Message Text

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TAGS: BBAK, BDIS, BEXP, EC

SUBJECT: GOE ID PROGRAM

REF: STATE 029531

1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH AVANT REGIONAL MANAGER, GONZALO GARCIA, CONCERNING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. DURING FEBRUARY 6 MEETING WITH GARCIA, MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT LEVOYER TOLD HIM UN-OFFICIALLY THAT THE PRESENT BID WOULD SOON BE VOIDED UNDER THE PRETEXT OF A GOVERNMENT DECISION TO LEASE (INSTEAD OF BUY) THE EQUIPMENT. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A PLOY, SAID GARCIA, SINCE A SIMPLE DISQUALIFICATION OF SISTEMAS/POLAROID WOULD REQUIRE THAT THE GOE BRING LEGAL ACTION ON BRIBERY CHARGES AGAINST SOME OF ITS OFFICIALS. GOE WILL PUBLISH A NEW CALL FOR BIDS, ALLOWING A TEN-DAY DEADLINE. GARCIA BELIEVES THAT AVANT HAS THE ADVANTAGE, BASED ON PRE-KNOWLEDGE, OVER SISTEMAS DE CONTROL.

2. FYI: ACCORDING TO GARCIA, AVANT HAD REQUESTED IN 1975 THAT THE HOUSE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY INVESTIGATE THE ROLE OF POLAROID IN THIS CASE. AVANT HAS NOW RECEIVED A REPLY FROM REP. ROBERT N.C. NIX, SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, ASKING FOR FURTHER DETAILS PROVING THAT POLAROID QUOTE HAS ENGAGED IN A PATTERN OF CONDUCT (SIC) UNQUOTE. NIX NOTED THAT HE WAS ENCOURAGED BY THE INTEREST SHOWN IN THIS MATTER BY THE ANTITRUST DIVISION.

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